MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Name of Report.	*No. of copies printed.*	*Date on which printed.*
(1) (*a*) & (*b*) Report of the Press Committee	230	In 1100 M. E.
,, Salaries Committee	128	3rd November 1921.
,, Workshops Committee	300	20th November 1926.
,, Excise Committee	150	January 1925.

(*c*) *Report of the Press Committee*—Copies were distributed to the several Heads of Departments, the several sections of the Secretariat and Account Office.

Report of the Salaries Committee—The members of the committee and the Heads of Departments were supplied with a copy each.

Report of the Workshops Committee—All the Heads of Departments and institutions have been furnished with a copy each, as also the members who constituted the Committee.

Report of the Excise Committee—Some copies were distributed among the officers of the Secretariat and the Excise Department. Certain demands from outside the State were also met.

(2) *Report of the Press Committee*—The question was not considered at the time the copies were received. Copies of the Report have now been laid on the table.

Report of the Salaries Committee—The Reformed Legislative Council was not in existence when the report was printed.

Report of the Workshops Committee—There was no special reason. Copies of the Report have now been laid on the table.

Report of the Excise Committee—The report was published in the *Government Gazette* dated the 24th March 1925 for public criticism. As copies of the *Gazette* are issued free to the Legislative Council members and the newspapers entitled to Editors' Table privileges, no separate distribution was considered necessary.

Special Allowance to the President of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

150. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, has objected to the grant by the Government of a special allowance of 20 per cent. of the substantive pay to the present President of the Municipal Council; and

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(*b*) (i) whether they have received a notice of suit from a ratepayer of the Trivandrum Municipality for a declaration that the Government order sanctioning the 20 per cent. allowance is illegal and *ultra vires* and for consequential relief ; and

(ii) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes ; but subsequently the Council at its meeting held on the 4th Edavam 1102, passed the allowance sanctioned to the President.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The matter is under consideration.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know when the meeting of the Council in which the President's allowance was objected to was held ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : 4th Makaram 1102.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether before the Municipal Council passed the President's allowance on the 4th Edavom 1102 the President was enabled at any time to draw the allowance ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Will the member, please, repeat the question ? I could not hear him fully.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Before the Municipal Council, on a subsequent date, passed the allowance sanctioned by the Government, was the President enabled at any time to draw the sanctioned allowance ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not understand the member's point when he says "was enabled."

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Before the 4th Edavam, did the President draw the allowance at any time ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not able to say that.

Resolution against the President, Trivandrum Municipal Council.

151. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Trivandrum Municipal Council has passed a resolution expressing their want of confidence in their President, and, if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No such resolution has been passed by the Council.

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